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1. The "S.M. Kirov" Model Technical School for Electrical Technology (Obraztsov Tekhnikum po Elektrotehnika "S.M. Kirov") is located at 4 Stefan Stanbolov Street in Sofia. The regular course of studies lasts four years, but the same graduating credits may be obtained by attending the evening classes for a period of five years. Tuition fees for both the regular and evening courses are 100 leva per year. The students at the "Kirov" School are in the 13-17-year-old age group.
2. The school has approximately 800-900 students, about 10 percent of whom are girls. A group of 15 North Korean students was enrolled in the school during the 1954-55 academic year. The faculty is composed of approximately 70-80 teachers, half of whom are women.
3. Upon graduation from the "Kirov" School, students are awarded a diploma of electro-technician, which entitles them to enter the university. However, only a very small number of exceptionally intelligent students are actually permitted to enter the university immediately after graduation. Instead, most of the graduating technicians are assigned, by the State, to various places of employment for two years, while others are drafted directly into the army, depending upon their age.
4. The standard of general studies (i.e., history, mathematics, languages) is relatively high, but the technical standards are rather poor. There are frequent complaints from industrial plants and other institutions as to the professional incompetence of the "Kirov" graduates. The major reason for such incompetence is the general lack of necessary technical facilities and equipment in the classroom. For example, there are ten students for each lathe in the school workshops, whereas there should really be one lathe for each student in the class.

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5. The subject of Marxism is taught only within the framework of the general history course and there are no required courses in general political subjects. However, there are some voluntary extracurricular courses in Marxism and similar subjects. Attendance at these extracurricular courses is very small.

6. In addition to the "Kirov" School, there are two other similar schools in Bulgaria: one in Plovdiv, and the other in an unidentified town in southern Bulgaria.

7. The following individuals are associated with the "Kirov" School:

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a. Aleksiev (fnu), [ ] present Director of the "Kirov" School [ ]

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b. Dimitur Bozhkov, a minor official at the Central Railroad Station in Sofia; [ ]

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c. Stamo Dinkov, [ ] employed at the "Kirov" School as a machine engineer; [ ]

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d. Konstantin Samarzhiev, [ ] at present, a mathematics teacher at the "Kirov" School;

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e. Zakhari Markov Stoyanov, [ ] a technician at the school; [ ]

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f. Stoyev (fnu), [ ] formerly the Director of the "Kirov" School; [ ]

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